

REMARKS

By the previous Amendment filed on 1 March 2004, claims 1 through 24 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 25 through 31 were added. By this Amendment, claim 31 is being amended in order to add a "." at the end of the claim. Thus, claims 25 through 31 are pending in the application.

The amendment was made to claim 31 in response to the correction requirement set forth by the Examiner in the final Office action mailed on 19 May 2004 (Paper No. 7), and does not affect the scope of any pending claims in the present application.

In view of the above, entry of the foregoing Amendment After Appeal is respectfully requested.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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